

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A mulch shield for surrounding a trunk or stem of a plant that may include a body having a bendable wall member, and a lower flange that is coupled to the body and which extends therefrom in a radially outward direction. A slit may be formed through both the wall member and the lower flange that permits the body to be positioned in a first, generally C-shaped condition that is adapted to permit the mulch shield to be placed about the trunk or stem of the plant, and a second condition in which the wall member encircles the trunk or stem of the plant. A closure may be employed to maintain the body in the second condition.